

Nkomo and Mugabe to escalate war

MAPUTO, Feb. 24 (Agencies). — Exiled Rhodesian nationalist leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe met here for 90 minutes to assess ways of escalating their guerrilla war against the regime of Rhodesian President Ian Smith. The joint leaders of the Nationalist Patriotic Front examined in detail the internal settlement agreement reached in Salisbury last week by Mr. Smith and three moderate black leaders. A Front spokesman said after the meeting, Mr. Nkomo was also believed to be seeking a meeting with Mozambican President Samora Machel to discuss prospects for moving troops of his Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU) faction from Zambia to bases here. (See Rhodesian deadlock: page 6).

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The U.S. dollar bounces back

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP). — The ailing American dollar staged a spectacular recovery on European money markets today in response to President Carter's moves to end the U.S. coal strike and Swiss action to curb the inflow of foreign currency. The dollar had reached record lows against the Swiss franc and the West German mark when it suddenly bounced back in late trading. But because of the timing of the announcements, it was only reflected in the few markets still open. This same news brought a three-dollar crash of gold prices in London, although it came too late to affect prices in Europe's major bullion trading center, Zurich.

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres; Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.

Dayan: Israel must view reality with open eyes

AVIV, Feb. 24 (R). — Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said tonight Israel should adapt its positions to resume peace negotiations with Egyptians.

Asked whether momentum towards peace must not be allowed to slip, Mr. Dayan told a radio interviewer: "Negotiations with Egyptians under United Nations' mediation had reached an advanced stage and the core of the problem must now be settled." He said, "Egypt had already said its position in the negotiations, hoping to achieve a very declaration of principles which would persuade Jordan to now begin the talks."

Mr. Dayan said: "Egypt demands that Israel commit itself and cease total withdrawal from occupied territories and self-determination for the Palestinians, which, he said, Israel can certainly not accept."

Asked whether there was any possibility that Prime Minister Menachem Begin might be prepared for changes in Israel's peace plan during his visit to Washington next month, Mr. Dayan replied:

"We are in an advanced stage in the negotiations and should reach the core of the problem, otherwise the negotiations might fail."

Mr. Dayan said: "The Israeli peace plan were rejected; he replied:

"In such a case we have another option, the right to border changes ... I want to hope we will not need to implement this right, but it is defended in international law."

Jordanian dimension

Mr. Dayan said during the radio interview today:

"The Egyptians want us to accept their extreme positions on total withdrawal from occupied territories and on Palestinian self-determination otherwise they say the Jordanians won't join. If this is the case there is no point to negotiating."

He said Egypt was not prepared for a separate settlement with Israel or even long-term separate negotiations without Jordan's participation assured.

"It is therefore Jordan who puts forward the terms under which it is prepared to join the talks," the foreign minister added.

Asked about the controversy

between Anwar Sadat and

President Carter

SHINGTOM, Feb. 24 (R). — President Carter has sent a message to President Anwar Sadat expressing admiration for the courageous decision to fly commandos to free hostages held by two Arab gunmen aboard an airplane.

The Cypriot government, pro-

against Egypt's intervention last weekend, fifteen Egyptian soldiers were killed in the attack at Larnaca airport, according to a break in Egypt's relations with Cyprus. They were fired on by men of the Cypriot national guard.

White House officials said

they had sent a reply to President Carter on Wednesday, reading:

"You have my admiration for the courageous decision you took. You have my sympathy for the families of the brave men who fell in the common struggle against terrorism, and you have my salute to the participants in the mission."

The officials said the message was one of congratulation and condolence dealing with the general issue of terrorism.

They recalled that President

had sent a similar message

to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin when Israeli airforce commandos mounted the raid in Uganda in 1976.

The message was widely re-

ceived today by Egyptian news-

agents. The official Middle East

news agency said President

had sent a reply, saying

"thank you for your genuine

and appreciate your support

in us in confronting all

who are full of hatred

who obstruct the path of

right and peace."

Gen. Sharon, who is in charge of settlement policy, was

defending Israel's peace plan

before the Settlement Committee of the Zionist Congress, which has a powerful role in building new settlements in occupied territory.

Gen. Sharon asserted that

only an Israeli presence in the strip, from Al Arish in the north to Ras Mohammed in the South, would prevent Egyptian violations of any peace treaty.

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Mistakes not to be repeated

President Sadat of Egypt has enough worries on his hand not to need the headache of the rather embarrassing incident that took place at Larnaca airport in Cyprus this week. We still do not have an authoritative report of exactly what happened at Larnaca airport to be able to judge who was to blame for the fighting between the Egyptian commandos and the Cypriot National Guard unit. What is certain, however, is that the incident was a total disaster for all involved, and it is pure luck that the hostages and the plane's crew were not also killed in the fighting that took place before the two gunmen surrendered.

It is a difficult exercise, however, to try to determine who is right and who is wrong in this case, but we feel it is both ungracious and unnecessary for the leader of one nation to go around after the fact calling the leader of another nation a dwarf. Such actions will neither bring back the life of Youssef Sibai nor do honour to the Egyptian commandos who were killed at Larnaca. Similarly, it does nobody any good to attack the Egyptians indiscriminately as warmongers or imperialists for their actions at Larnaca.

The fact is -- if anybody in this part of the world admits straight facts anymore -- that the Larnaca airport adventure was obviously badly planned and disastrously executed. What we have witnessed is a human failure of the first magnitude, due to a combination of overheated passions, bad communications, misperceived intentions and uncoordinated enthusiasm among the world's anti-terror forces. It would be the wisest thing now for the Cypriot authorities to try the two killers of Mr. Sibai and give them a sentence as severe as the crime they committed, and for the Egyptians and the Cypriots and everyone else to learn from the terrible mistakes of this week, to try and avoid repeating them in the future.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL DUSTOUR Friday warned against Israel's attempts to drive a wedge between the Egyptian and the Palestinian peoples following the events in Cyprus earlier this week. It says Israel, clearly, is keen that the "hot passions" expressed in Egypt over the murder of the Egyptian writer Youssef Al Sibai and the subsequent death of 15 Egyptian commandos should not calm down; and therefore the Israeli propaganda machine began to pour oil on the fire, hoping that Egypt would abandon the Palestine issue and conclude a unilateral agreement with Israel.

The bad Israeli intentions were so boldly shown when the newspaper Yedioth Aharonoth urged the Israeli government to offer Egypt a separate peace after "all that happened in Cyprus."

The Israeli newspaper further called on Egypt to leave out the Palestinians, while other newspapers suggested that the Cyprus events would inevitably "affect" the current discussions between Egypt, Israel and the United States.

Thus, Al Dustour adds, it becomes clear, that Israel is trying hard to "exploit the tragedy" in its favour, by urging Egypt on to a unilateral solution, as if such a solution is the answer to the murder of Mr. Sibai.

But, Al Dustour says, Israel seems to have forgotten that the wave of anger that engulfed Cairo was only an expression of wrath over the shedding of Arab blood by Arab hands -- an attitude that cannot be construed as indicating that the people of Egypt wanted to shake off its responsibilities as an Arab people and as part of the Arab nation.

Commenting on the joint Syrian-Soviet communiqué issued at the end of President Hafez Assad's visit to Moscow, AL RAI observes that the communiqué brings to the fore two facts regarding the international peace moves which culminated in President Anwar Sadat's visit to occupied Jerusalem and the unfruitful negotiations that followed.

The first fact is the determination to continue peaceful efforts for the establishment of a just and lasting peace; and the second is the necessity for bringing in all parties concerned including the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Soviet Union, the co-chairman of the Geneva Middle East peace conference.

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New community centre will advance social development

Text and photos by John Rigg
 Special to the Jordan Times

Up until the mid 1960's, social work in Jordan, and indeed, throughout the Arab World, had been based on a charity concept. That is, medical and financial aid was distributed to the people who needed it.

This was all well and good, but people weren't learning to better their situations. Mr. Issam Ajlouni, a former social worker, and now Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, realizing the need for trained personnel in the early sixties, worked on a training programme for social workers.

With the help of UNICEF he began a three month intensive course in social work skills for business, organisations, etc. Unfortunately, the course proved too difficult for most of the enrollees, some of whom had no high school diploma. It was far too intensive for them to handle, and consequently, the methods they used after graduation were inferior and Mr. Ajlouni's high hopes were frustrated.

In 1966, Mr. Ajlouni proposed a two year training scheme, to provide necessary background training, and give an adequate grounding in the field of social work. The Jordanian Institute of Social Work was established and Mr. Ajlouni was its first head.

Dr. David Anderson, a social development advisor and lecturer at the University of Missouri, reiterated the need for mutual cooperation in his closing address.

Mr. Bassam Malhas, the present Director of the Jordanian Institute of Social Work reiterated the need for skilled workers as stressed by his predecessor, Mr. Ajlouni.

Comprehensive training centre needed

"Today in the social services, having a benevolent nature is advantageous, but this does not necessarily constitute a good social worker. The field of social affairs requires a specialised skill to be able to impart knowledge and training that will enable a person, family, or region to eventually help themselves and others. It basically boils down to helping people to cope with their problems by teaching them how."

Mr. Malhas also reconfirmed the need for a comprehensive training centre where the trainee would come in direct contact with the people that he is being trained to help. He or she (the trainee) would learn about their problems first hand, instead of in the classroom, thus enriching his programme of studies with the necessary field training.



The new Jordan Community Development Centre at Allan.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Mr. Malhas spoke of the mammoth pilot project at Allan, where this reciprocal aid scheme will soon be put into operation.

Community involvement

The Jordan Community Development Centre at Allan, as it is tentatively called, was first planned about four years ago, and the 3,500 metre complex has just been completed. It sits on 42 acres of wooded land in the Salt district and was completed at a cost of 200,000 JD.

The suggested aims of the project are, first of all to provide services for development both nationally and locally. It will encourage private participation and community involvement in development programmes as well as serve as a model for other regions throughout the country. It will encompass a training school which will cater to all fields of social development, particularly health, welfare and vocational training. Local leaders and businessmen will also receive training in administration and organisation so that they will eventually take the initiative in making local governmental decisions, without having to refer to Amman at all the time.

The centre will have financial and administrative independence within the framework of the Department of Social Affairs and will be composed of six working units.

- a. a unit for the development of society
- b. a unit for researches and planning
- c. a unit for producing educational materials and means
- d. a unit for rural industries i.e. manual skills
- e. a unit for manpower training
- f. a unit for financial aid and administration

The person in charge of each unit will be connected with the manager of the centre, financially, technically and administratively.

Public meeting

Over the past few weeks numerous meetings have taken place in the buildings between various government officials to decide how and where to begin the work of organising the facilities.

On Jan. 21st the culminating meeting took place and representatives of all the 14 villages under the centre's jurisdiction were invited to air their views and state their immediate needs. Also present was Dr. David Anderson, the American advisor to the project, who is in Jordan at the request of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

In a speech to the people

of the area, he expressed the need for mutual co-operation between themselves and the centre by saying, "Although the government can give you a doctor, basic dental services, maternal and child care, health education classes, nutrition advisors, an up-grading

give this centre an agricultural engineer and a specialist in animal husbandry as well as a special training programme for farmers."

These specialists will work out of the training centre with the assistance of the trainees.

The newsletter reported in its latest issue that the project has so far cost \$20 million and by the end of 1981 a total investment of \$90 million will have been made by Cairo Beverages in Egypt. "Seven-Up," the publication says, "will have to commit that amount."

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Koreans prove strong threat to Japanese

The Japanese construction industry is reported to be in trouble. According to the Middle East Newsletter, published in New York, the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) is concerned.

The newsletter quotes a high MITI official as saying the main reason the Japanese

were not getting Middle East orders is the attractiveness of Korean tenders in the area. An example cited is the loss of a \$350 million Iranian

project.

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BUSINESS GRAPEVINE

compiled and edited by John Bonar

Still more fizz for the Arab World

A new company has been formed in Egypt called Cairo Beverages and Industrial Co. Its original \$10.12 million capital at Egypt's official exchange rate of \$2.53 to the £E has recently been increased by 50 per cent bringing it to \$15.18 million. Almost 20 per cent of the investment is Egyptian.

The company is going to produce Seven-Up soft drinks. It follows on the heels of investments in Egypt by both Coca-Cola and Pepsi-Cola.

The shareholders of Cairo Beverages according to the New York based MidEast Report newsletter, range from Shaher Abdul Haq, a businessman from North Yemen to the American University of Cairo Trust Fund.

Unconfirmed reports say that both Ashraf Marwan, President Sadat's political adviser and Kamal Adham, the influential adviser to King Khaled of Saudi Arabia are also shareholders.

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The present two-seater Hawk, which entered service in November 1976 is in volume production to meet a 170 plane order for the British RAF. Fifty planes have also been purchased by Finland.

Hawker Siddeley, which is now part of British Aerospace Group, has already completed a feasibility study on a more powerful single-seat fighter version and has built a wooden mock-up in order that engineers can decide how to make best use of the extra space that would be available in the forward fuselage.

The fighter version could offer a considerable increase in range because of its ability to carry more fuel. Alternatively, the extra load could be additional equipment or an increased weapon package.

BUSINESS GRAPEVINE

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Coffee to be served after this event.

Children welcome.

Photographers wanted

Plan for action

"We have listened to your ideas and those of the ministries. It remains now for us to draw up a plan of action, but you must fully participate and help us. It will all take time but we must get started."

In the coming weeks a charter will be formulated, and a detailed plan of action will follow. But the groundwork is complete. The Jordanian Community Development Centre at Allan, will be, as was said before, a pilot project which will reap benefits for the Allan area and eventually, from its example, be a guiding light on a national scale in the field of Social Affairs.

The Jordan Times wants to see the work of photographers with black and white prints of any and all scenes in Jordan, either individual pictures or collections of photo-stories on a single theme. We are interested in publishing individual photos or photo-stories on a regular basis; and we'd like to see the work of local photographers, both Jordanians and non-Jordanians alike.

If you have photos to show or would like to do some feature photos for the Jordan Times, please contact Mr. Khouri at the Jordan Times offices any day between 9:00 and 12:00 a.m. and between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. to make an appointment.



The meeting at Allan was chaired by representatives of the local governments as well as the department of social affairs in Amman. From left to right, Mohamad Score Assistant Director of Social Affairs; Mr. Khalid Alrahydeh Director General of Social Affairs; Mr. Mahmoud Alkhalil Governor of the Salt district; Mr. Bassam Malhas Director of the Department of Social Work and Mr. Abu Shama the Zaid District governor.

John Rigg

Jabal Amman is alive with the sound of music at Twang and Gi. Rho. Ma.

By Ginette Devaney
Editorial to the Jordan Times

February 1975 Mrs. Nazzanir, a member of the local merchant family, was the first occupant of the Jordan Insurance Building in the Third Circle, where she opened up her now well known music shop on the first floor.

It has called it Gi. Rho. Ma., after the first letters of the names of her three musical children.

Earlier this year she leased part of the ground floor and the front of this very attractive modern building and opened up a stereo equipment shop.

world digital
seminar to be
held here

AMMAN, Feb. 24 (JTA). — The world seminar on digital technology is due to be opened in Amman on Saturday Feb. 25, under the patronage of Jordan Telecommunications Corporation.

Organised by the Bell Canada International and the Unic Trading Group of Amman in collaboration with the National Telecom International, seminar will be convened at the Jordan Chamber of Industry building and will last until Monday, Feb. 27.

Subjects will cover seven aspects of digital technology, including operation and administration.

Practical demonstrations will be presented by a group of experts of wide experience in telecommunications.

The seminar to be convened in Amman is a tribute to Jordan's continuing progress under the enlightened and leadership of His Majesty King Hussein.

Now send

Carter pledges drastic action if no coal agreement by weekend

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (R). — President Carter has stepped up pressure on management and union to settle the 80-day coal strike which has begun to bite deeply into the U.S. economy. He said he would take drastic action -- possibly by sending troops into the mines -- unless they could reach agreement this weekend. But, despite Mr. Carter's threat, federal mediators said they were not aware that any negotiations would take place today between the United Mine Workers and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association.

The chances of a negotiated settlement plummeted on Wednesday when the mine owners refused to meet union officials face-to-face to discuss a possible compromise.

The governors of the three main coal-producing states -- Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania -- told Mr. Carter yesterday the country was

facing disaster from the increasingly critical coal shortage.

Mr. Carter commented: "This is the last chance for a settlement. I can't wait past the weekend."

Companies starved of fuel have already laid off thousands of workers in the industrial Mid-West, the worst-affected area, and congressional leaders

have said they would back Mr. Carter if he took emergency action.

The most probable option open to the president would be a federal takeover of the mines, possibly involving troops. But this would take several days to become effective since it would need congressional approval.

Union sources said they would not be averse to a federal takeover, as the government would have to set standards for pay and benefits.

West Virginia Governor Jay Rockefeller said after meeting Mr. Carter that the mine owners were responsible for the impasse because they had refused to negotiate on a compromise offer.

This was based on a tentative agreement reached separately between the union and one coal company. The pact included similar pay terms to the offer of the Bituminous Coal Operators Association (BCOA) but it proposed penalties for wildcat strikes.

The BCOA wants heavy penalties for unofficial strikes, but is bitterly opposed by the 160,000 strikers in the Appalachians who often walk off the job when they feel safety is in question.

The BCOA represents 130 major coal companies supplying about half the country's coal. The rest is produced by 2,500 smaller operators.

House approves U.S. participation in Witteveen facility

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (R). — The House of Representatives yesterday passed a bill approving U.S. participation in the International Monetary Fund's so-called Witteveen Facility.

But it added an amendment requiring the U.S. executive director of the IMF to oppose loans from the fund that would contribute to deprivation of basic human needs or violations of human rights.

The vote approving the bill was 267 to 125.

The \$10 billion fund, named for IMF Managing Director Johannes Witteveen, will ma-

ke loans to countries with balance of payments problems because of high prices for imported oil.

The U.S. contribution to the facility would be \$1.75 billion. Seven oil producing countries, including Saudi Arabia and Iran are putting up \$5 billion.

West Germany is contributing \$1.2 billion, Japan \$1 billion and Switzerland \$787 million. Belgium, Canada and Holland will provide the rest.

The bill now goes to the Senate where a similar bill has been approved by the Senate Banking Committee.



Dealers at the Frankfurt Foreign Exchange Market receive a flood of calls Thursday from tourists wanting to sell dollars. The dollar sank to a record low against the German mark and Swiss franc, reflecting concern about the continuing coal strike and the Carter administration's determination to prop up the dollar. Dealers said the U.S. Federal Reserve intervened only lightly to slow the dollar's slide. (AP wirephoto)

Rolls-Royce discloses 20-year record of secret work on nuclear submarines

Very quietly, and indeed in some secrecy, Rolls-Royce has been working on nuclear submarines for the royal navy for nearly 20 years. Even more interestingly, it transpires that it was the United States navy which picked Rolls-Royce for the job.

By David Fishlock
The Financial Times Science Correspondent

LONDON, (F.T.) — Rolls-Royce, in a bid to break into the market for nuclear power station technology, has disclosed details for the first time of nearly 20 years of association with the royal navy on nuclear submarines. Through a subsidiary called Rolls-Royce and Associates, the company has built no fewer than 16 submarine reactors, and supplied 30 "cores" -- the replaceable heart of the reactor, which includes the nuclear fuel.

The latest addition to Britain's fleet of 13 nuclear submarines, HMS Sceptre, was commissioned Feb. 14. The company has just been awarded its largest single contract ever, for the construction of a new shore-based prototype reactor and demonstration facility in the north of Scotland, alongside a reactor it has run for the navy since 1965.

New reactor

The new reactor will be the fourth generation of British PWR -- the pressurised water reactor, which has caused

so much controversy politically over the question whether it is the reactor type Britain should be building for its new power stations. Submarines using this latest design of PWR are expected to enter service in the 1990s. Meanwhile, the company has another three reactors already under construction for the navy.

Rolls-Royce and Associates is a consortium set up by Ministry of Defence in 1959, to manage the procurement of an American reactor for Dreadnought, Britain's first nuclear submarine. Under a bilateral treaty, Westinghouse Electric, with the blessing of the U.S. navy, was to supply Britain with one reactor and the technology to launch it into the business of building and developing this type of reactor.

The U.S. navy made it clear that it wanted Rolls-Royce to manage the British programme, as the U.K. company whose engineering standards most closely resembled those it believed were needed for the successful manufacture of a highly sophisticated new engine. The consortium consists of 54 per cent Rolls-Royce, with the balance shared equally between Babcock and Vickers.

Next year the consortium will start building the prototype of a fourth generation of British PWR "to meet a more stringent set of military objectives," says Mr. Peter Godwin, Managing Director of Rolls-Royce and Associates. Unlike its developments so far, it will not be possible to

manage HMS Vulcan, the shore-based reactor development facility adjoining the U.K. Atomic Energy Authority's nuclear establishment at Dounreay. The first PWR built in Britain, based on the Dreadnought design, was installed at HMS Vulcan in the early 1960s. The company built half a submarine on the shore -- everything required for propulsion, from the PWR in its reactor compartment amidships through to the stern of the boat.

The first development programme undertaken by the company almost doubled the energy output over the lifetime of a reactor core. The second development programme has almost doubled again the energy output, and in addition fulfills a tough navy specification for the reduction of noise from the reactor. In a major refit HMS Vulcan has been virtually rebuilt by the company as a prototype of the third generation of British PWR. This reactor has been running successfully for nearly a year, and is expected to enter fleet service in the early 1980s.

New generation of nuclear boats

Next year the consortium will start building the prototype of a fourth generation of British PWR "to meet a more stringent set of military objectives," says Mr. Peter Godwin, Managing Director of Rolls-Royce and Associates. Unlike its developments so far, it will not be possible to

"backfit" this PWR to the existing submarines. It is planned for a new generation of nuclear boats for the 1990s. Meanwhile, the company has already executed a long run of PWR projects -- one U.S. reactor procured and 15 aseagoing British reactors delivered -- to the evident satisfaction of the Ministry of Defence. Demanding as the technology of a nuclear steam supply system undoubtedly is, the reactor has proved one of the most reliable systems on a nuclear boat.

The company believes that ways could now be worked out for placing nearly 20 years' experience of PWR technology -- especially in project control and management, and in quality assurance -- at the disposal of the civil reactor industry. The electricity supply industry has already indicated that it wants to build a big PWR in Britain, starting early in the 1980s, in order to have the technology available as an alternative to the advanced gas-cooled reactor. Its suppliers negotiated a licence with Westinghouse in 1975. But their experience of building the commercial PWR is limited to participation with Westinghouse in the construction of one nuclear station in Korea.

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Israeli seamen's strike enters sixth week causing a loss of about \$12.5m.

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24 (R). — A strike of seamen aboard all Israeli-flag ships entered its sixth week yesterday and shipping circles estimated the loss to the economy at 200 million Israeli pounds (\$12.5 million).

The seamen refused to meet a mediation committee yesterday on the grounds that idle ships were being off-loaded under court order.

The Ministry of Transport has extended requests for court orders for the off-loading of ships to non-essential cargos.

The strike by officers and ratings is to back demands for higher pay and fringe benefits.

The Zim Israel National Shipping Line, the company mainly affected by the work stoppage, has chartered foreign vessels to move its cargoes.

A company spokesman said that 80 per cent of the cargoes it was due to transport are now being carried in more than 90 foreign ships -- only 20 less than before the strike when the shipping line used both its own and chartered vessels.

Spain's Suarez considers cabinet reshuffle due to economic policy conflict

MADRID, Feb. 24 (AP). — Premier Adolfo Suarez was considering shuffling his cabinet because of disagreements within the government over economic policy, government sources said today.

Mr. Suarez postponed a cabinet session scheduled today, and the sources said he eventually might take over the job of economic czar himself.

The premier had not decided yet whether to accept the resignation of Deputy Premier Enrique Fuentes Quintana, submitted in writing to Mr. Suarez two days ago.

Mr. Suarez's last cabinet shuffle was in July, 1977 after Spain's first free parliamentary elections in 41 years.

Gaza is permitted to set up industrial zone

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24 (R). — The military government of the occupied Gaza Strip has agreed to a request by Gaza Mayor Rashad Al Shawwa for the use of 25 acres of government-owned land near the town for establishment of an industrial zone, military sources said yesterday.

A number of families who have squatted on the land have been paid compensation and moved elsewhere, municipal sources said.

The mayor had requested the land for the industrial zone in order to remove from the town centre a number of small factories which had been working there for years but which were regarded as a nuisance.

Law of the Sea conference may lose president before bargaining begins

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 24 (R). — The U.N. conference on the law of the sea, moving into a make-or-break stage after four years of negotiations, faces a new problem -- who will preside over the crucial final bargaining sessions.

The 150-member conference in Geneva on March 28, and, unless Sri Lanka has a sudden change of heart, its former representative Mr. Shirley Amerasinghe, who has presided from the start, will not be there.

In a change of government, President Junius Jayewardene elected in Sri Lanka since the previous session, has replaced Mr. Amerasinghe as permanent U.N. representative with Mr. E. J. Fernando, a prominent civil lawyer.

Asked about the possibility of Mr. Amerasinghe's continuing in the presidency, Mr. Fernando said this was a matter for Mr. Jayewardene. Inform sources said the Sri Lankan leader had rejected several appeals to allow Mr. Amerasinghe to carry on.

Inform sources said Mr. Waldheim sent an emissary to Colombo last month but Mr. Jayewardene refused to see him.

A move to give Mr. Amerasinghe special status as an adviser or consultant to the secretary-general so he could continue was opposed by Latin American members and was not accepted by all the Asian members, informed sources said.

Mr. Tomay Koh of Singapore was also said to be in the running. Mr. Nandan is Ambassador to the European Community in Brussels and was formerly Deputy U.N. Representative. Mr. Koh is his country's chief delegate to the U.N.

Diplomatic sources said unless some way were found to retain Mr. Amerasinghe a bruising fight over the presidency would develop, possibly delaying resumption of the conference for weeks.

People in the News

S. African wins World Press Photo Award

AMSTERDAM, (AP). — Leslie Hammond, a photographer for South Africa's Argus newspaper group, has won this year's World Press Photo Award, worth 5,000 guilders (about £1,160), for Teargas Terror, a shot of South African police dispersing black demonstrators. The photograph, taken during the bulldozing of shanty town houses, was among 3,689 submitted by 714 press photographers from 48 countries. The jury was headed by Michael Rand, Editor of the London Sunday Times magazine. The award will be made at a ceremony on April 5.

Canada's Fox will not face criminal charges

TORONTO, (R). — Canada's ex-Solicitor General Francis Fox, who resigned last month after admitting an affair with a married woman, will not face any criminal charges, Ontario Attorney General Roy McMurtry said today. Mr. Fox said when he quit on Jan. 30 that the woman became pregnant and he signed the husband's name on an abortion document. "To launch prosecution in this case would be to bring disproportionately harsh consequences to a person of good character who has already suffered greatly as a result of his act," Mr. McMurtry said. The affair took place before Mr. Fox entered the cabinet.

The Eagles win Grammy Award

LOS ANGELES, (R). — The Eagles rock group won the Grammy Award for best record of the year Thursday night at a music awards ceremony dominated by singer-actress Barbra Streisand and teenage newcomer Debbie Boone. The Best Album of the Year Award went to Fleetwood Mac's Rumours which topped the charts for 31 weeks last year. Miss Streisand and SS, was named best female pop star and best song writer. The latter award was for Evergreen, the theme song she wrote for her film A Star Is Born. Nineteen-year-old Miss Boone -- with her father Pat, a pop singer of an earlier generation, watching her from the audience -- was named best new artist of the year for You Light up my Life.

President Eisenhower's widow seeks admission to army widow's home

WASHINGTON, (R). — Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower, the 81-year-old widow of President Dwight Eisenhower, has applied for admission to a home for army widows, a spokesman for the home said Thursday. The staff of the private, non-profit organization here said Mrs. Eisenhower did not wish to use her position to gain preferential treatment and asked to be placed on a waiting list. Some press reports have suggested the widow of the wartime military leader, who lives on her farm near the historic civil war battlefield at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, has been refused admittance to the home. The spokesman said Mrs. Eisenhower applied for admission last May, and has signed a contract approved by the home's Admissions Committee.

"Trashbag murderer" escapes execution

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U.K. sterling	605.00/609.00
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Italian lire (for every 100)	36.30/36.50
Japanese yen (for every 100)	130.10/130.90
Belgian franc (for every 100)	97.20/97.90
Swedish crown	67.10/67.50

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No nuclear secrets leaked by E. German spies, says Schmidt

BONN, Feb. 20 (AP). — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt told a parliamentary committee today no nuclear secrets were compromised by a trio of alleged East German spies operating in the Defence Ministry. Herr Schmidt also testified he remained convinced "major changes in the defence concept are not necessary" in the wake of the spy scandal.

The chancellor was one of several witnesses who have appeared before the committee probing what Chief Federal Prosecutor Kurt Rebmann termed West Germany's biggest post-war spy scandal.

Herr Schmidt also testified he was informed of the "serious meaning" of the case two days before the three Defence Ministry employees — Renate Lutze, her husband Lothar-Erwin Lutze and Juergen Wiegel — were arrested in June 1976.

The case exploded into a major government scandal last December when the Frankfurter Allgemeine reported the trio had stolen up to 1,000 secret documents involving

troop readiness, tactics and NATO assessments of Soviet strength.

Defence Minister Gerhard Leber resigned earlier this month in the wake of the scandal and allegations of illegal wire-tapping by military intelligence agents.

Herr Leber came under fire after telling reporters he was "enlightened" about the scope of the alleged spy ring's activity by the Frankfurt newspaper.

Government spokesman Klaus Boelling told reporters when the story broke that Herr Schmidt was not fully informed of the case until the newspaper report was published.

Government spokesmen have denied the allegations.

Under questioning by Herr Manfred Woerner, defence expert of the CDU, Herr Schmidt said he was unaware his defence minister was in a Munich hospital on the day when the alleged spies were arrested.

The chancellor also said he was not aware that Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher was filling in for Herr Leber during his illness.

"It would not have been unusual" for Herr Leber to have not been told of developments in the case while he was in the hospital, Herr Schmidt said.

The three alleged spies are in investigative detention pending their trial, which is expected to begin later this year.

Non-Communist parties

join in Peking meet

PEKING, Feb. 24 (R). — The organization that proclaimed the establishment of Communist China and served as its first parliament met today for the first time in 13 years.

More than 1,800 delegates attended the first session of the Fifth Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, a united front organization that met in Peking's Great Hall of the People. It is a consultative body to the government and includes the handful of non-Communist political parties in the country.

Today's session followed a preliminary meeting that elected a 225-member Presidium and endorsed the agenda.

It was attended by the Chinese leadership and chaired by Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, the new China News Agency said.

At an adjunct meeting yesterday the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist

Party approved the draft of a 10-year economic plan and changes in the country's Constitution.

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STUTTGART, West Germany, Feb. 24 (R). — A state parliamentary inquiry into the deaths in jail of three leaders of the Baader-Meinhof guerrilla group last night failed to agree on who should bear political responsibility for the incident.

The inquiry confirmed the official verdict that the three — Andreas Baader, Jan Carl Raspe and Gudrun Ensslin — committed suicide last Oct. 18.

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U.K. Tories woo Jewish vote on immigrant issue

LONDON, Feb. 24 (R). — Jewish voters in the East London suburb of Ilford are being wooed this week in the campaign leading up to an important parliamentary by-election — and becoming embroiled in a controversy about coloured immigration. Political commentators said it was an unusual phenomenon as politicians rarely seek the small Jewish vote in British elections.

But Ilford North is a marginal constituency being fought fiercely by the governing Labour Party and the opposition Conservatives. Labour's Millie Miller won the seat in 1974 by the narrow margin of 788 votes, and her death last year created the by-election, which takes place next Thursday.

The 65,000 constituents of Ilford North include about 7,000 Jews, and also a substantial number of Asian immigrants. On Monday night one of Britain's leading Conservative politicians, Sir Keith Joseph, spoke in Ilford and urged British Jews to back his party's stand in favour of an eventual end to coloured immigration. Last night a prominent Labour M.P., Mr. Ian Mikardo, launched an angry counter-attack against Sir Joseph.

He said Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher's flirtation with racism represents a fall in the normal standards of morality in the battle between the main political parties in this country. But Sir Keith Joseph's special appeal to the Jewish electors in Ilford North to join in the anti-immigration campaign is far, far worse — indeed, it's the lowest of the low," he added.

Mr. Mikardo said most of the Jewish electors in Ilford were descended from immigrants who fled Tsarist Russia early in this century. "The racialists of those days, led by an East London Conservative M.P., attacked that Jewish community in the same words, almost word for word, as today's racialists use about the Asian communities," he said.

Mr. Mikardo concluded with a bitter attack on Sir Keith, a Jew, who is Mrs. Thatcher's aide for policy and research. "A Jew, appealing to Jews in Keith Joseph's terms, degrades himself, degrades the ethical traditions of the Jewish community, and degrades the decent standards of British political behaviour," said Mr. Mikardo, who is also Jewish.

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official allegation that defense lawyers had smuggled in the guns used by Baader and Raspe. Gudrun Ensslin was found hanged.

Chief Federal Prosecutor Kurt Rebmann said last month that lawyers Arndt Mueller and Armin Newerla had smuggled guns and explosives into Stuttgart Prison inside legal documents. The inquiry went no further than to say this was a possibility.

A majority report by depu-

ties of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) which rules Baden-Wuerttemberg, said the state government bore no responsibility for the deaths.

A minority report by the Social Democratic Party (SPD) and Free Democratic Party (FDP) said the Stuttgart government was politically responsible for the inadequate security measures.

Former Baden-Wuerttemberg Justice Minister Traugott Beder resigned after the dea-

Second Ethiopian Ogaden offensive appears imminent

from the eastern city of Haraar to Addis Ababa.

Although the Ethiopians took Haraar out of the range of its counter-attack against Somalis forces in the Ogaden war, diplomatic sources in Addis Ababa said today.

A big increase in convoys taking supplies and men to the front in eastern Ethiopia had been noted, while Addis Ababa residents were last weekend not allowed to buy their fuel needs from petrol filling stations. Fuel supplies were being diverted to vehicles on the roads to the front from the capital and the Red Sea Port of Assab, the diplomats said.

The sources said they had heard unconfirmed reports of an attack on the Assab-Addis Ababa road a week ago but there had been no discernible effect on supplies from the crowded port where much of the \$850 million worth of Soviet supplies sent to Ethiopia in recent months has been unloaded.

Ethiopia's first major initiative in the seven-month war since it secured Soviet backing came on Jan. 21 and 22.

The Ethiopians blasted Somali front line positions in the north and in the east, particularly along the railway line which passes through the town of Dire Dawa on its way

to seek a break in the deadlock.

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new deadlock in almost the months of talks on the envisaged interim government.

Meanwhile, Rhodesian general Joshua Nkomo flew into Maputo yesterday for urgent discussions with Mr. Mugabe on the developments in Rhodesia.

Nationalist sources in Rhodesia said the two leaders of Patriotic Front are expected to discuss the internal settlement and consult on steps to step up the bush war against the Smith government.

Mr. Nkomo and Mr. Mugabe refused to participate in the "internal settlement", have vowed to continue guerrilla war even if a majority government comes to power.

World News Briefs

Israeli press said distorts police report

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24 (R). — Israeli Minister of the Interior Yigal Allon yesterday denied press reports that a government-appointed commission investigating organised crime in Israel had made alleged criminal leaders. Addressing a meeting of senior police officers yesterday he attacked the local press for what he termed distortions in publishing the commission's report. He said that sections of the report taken out of context damaged the image of the police. Part of the report was devoted to the reorganisation of the police war on crime. Newspapers had unpublished appendices to the published report naming 10 to 30 alleged heads of organised and sophisticated rings.

Archbishop Capucci not to be replaced

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24 (R). — The Greek Catholic Church under Israeli occupation has decided not to name another clergyman to replace Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, expelled from Israel when he was serving a prison sentence for alleged aid to Palestinian guerrillas, according to Israel Radio. It said Greek Catholic clerics meeting in Lebanon recently had decided to leave the post of head of the church in Jerusalem vacant for the present. Archbishop Capucci was sentenced to 12 years in prison for all gun-running on behalf of Palestinian commandos. He was released from prison at the request of the Vatican and expelled from Israel and Israeli-occupied territories. He is at present in Latin America.

Italy's political violence continues

ROME, Feb. 24 (AP). — Masked youths, believed to be rightists, set fire to two buses and beat up a Communist activist in Milan last night. Hours later in Milan a powerful blast damaged offices of Italy's largest newspaper, the Corriere della Sera. Police in Rome said the incidents occurred after authorities banned a rightist rally on security grounds. A Communist, hospitalised with a broken cheekbone, said he was sure he was targeted by a dozen youths and beaten as he was putting up posters. Later, a group of five stopped a bus on the heavily-travelled Nomentana Highway, ordered the driver and passengers to get out, then set it ablaze with firebombs. In Milan bombing, the second against a newspaper this week, Corriere administration offices and adjoining shops and offices were damaged. No one was injured since offices closed.

China rehabilitates Tibet's Panchen Lama

PEKING, Feb. 24 (R). — The Panchen Lama, once the most important leader in Tibet, has appeared in public after more than 12 years of obscurity. The Panchen Lama, who succeeded in the Tibetan hierarchy after the self-exiled Dalai Lama, has turned up as a delegate to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, which opened in Peking today. The Panchen Lama, 40, last received public mention in September when Tibet became an autonomous region in China. He had appeared from view in political disgrace.

Illinois Jews seek court over Nazi march

SKOKIE, Illinois, Feb. 24 (AP). — This predominantly Jewish community will appeal a federal judge's ruling striking down a last legal barrier to a march by Swastika-bearing Nazis. District Judge Bernard M. Decker ruled yesterday that three large ordinances aimed at preventing Nazi marches violated U.S. Constitution. The ruling paved the way for a "white power" demonstration by the National Socialist Party of America, a small group of Neo-Nazis, unless the appeal is successful. The Nazis are morally, ethically and legally bound to take every step at our disposal to have Judge Decker's decision reversed, says Albert J. Smith. He said the village would ask Judge Decker's ruling be stayed pending appeal. The Nazis, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, have sought a march in Skokie for nearly a year.

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